GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FUND FOR WELFARE OF TRIBAL
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that fund allocated for the welfare of the destitute elderly Jarawas, tribal group in Andaman and Nicobar Islands has not been properly utilized;

(b) if so, the fact thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) to (c) No funds are allocated for the welfare of destitute elderly Jarawas of Andaman Islands, since no destitute among the Jarawas have been observed. Jarawas belong to Primitive Tribal Group. They depend on their traditional hunting and gathering subsistence in the forest which has been declared as the tribal reserve by the Administration. Entry of Non-tribals into the tribal reserve is prohibited, so that the resources are available exclusively for Jarawas and not exploited by the outsiders.